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INVENTION: "PERSON AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM, PERSON AUTHENTICATION METHOD, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM"

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AMENDMENT "A"

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This Amendment "A" is filed in response to the Office Action of February 5, 2003.  
Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following replacement Abstract of the Disclosure:

A person authentication system, a person authentication method, an information processing apparatus, and a program providing medium authenticate a person who uses an information apparatus in data communication. A person authentication certificate storing a template which includes person authentication data is used in the person authentication system. A person authentication execution entity checks the validity of the certificate on the basis of a certificate expiration date, a certificate usage number limit, or a template expiration date in person authentication processing on the basis of the certificate. The person authentication is executed by comparing the template with sampling information input by a user if the validity is confirmed. A person identification certificate authority updates the certificate or the template according to the request of the entity or the authenticated person.--

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